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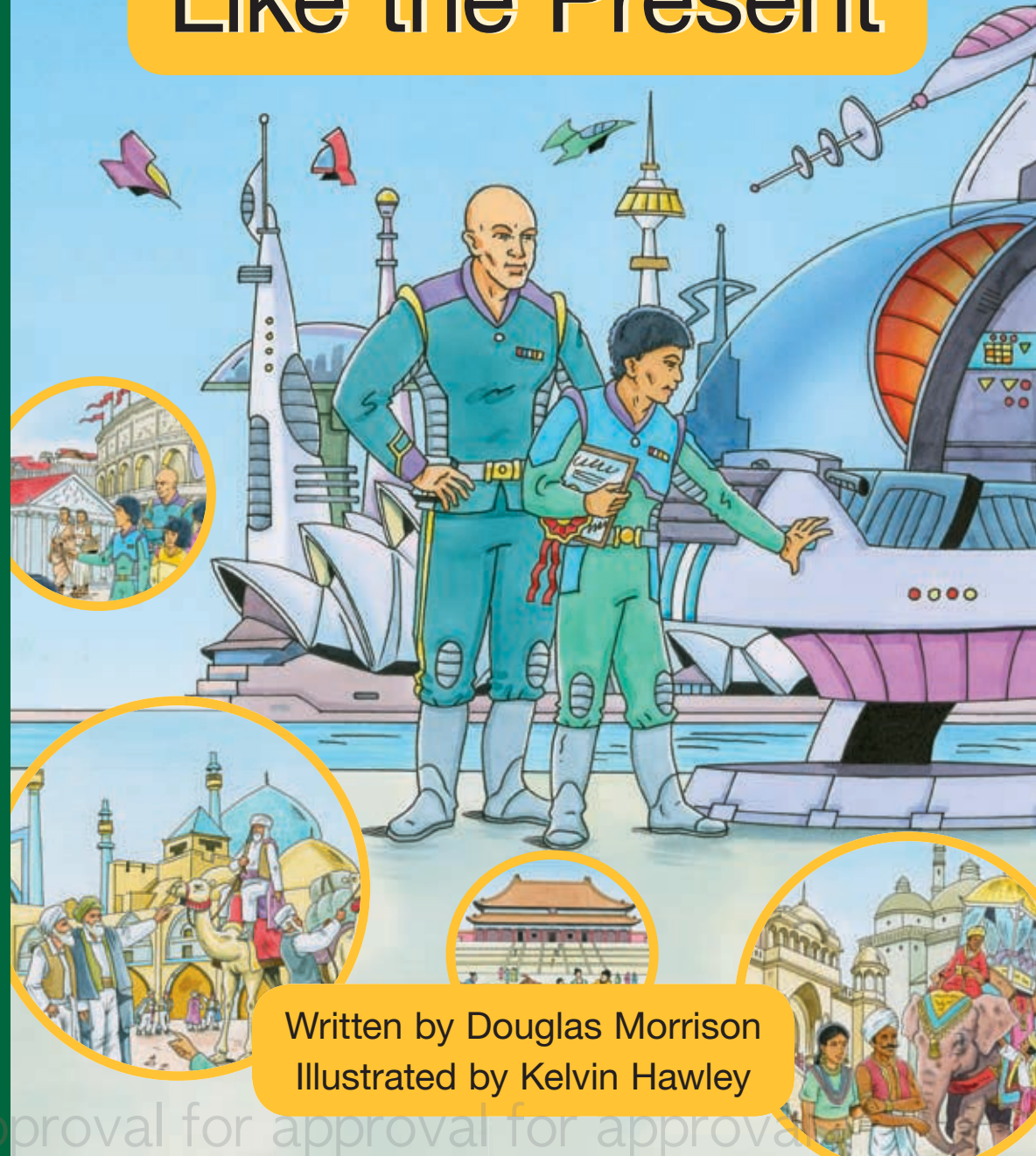
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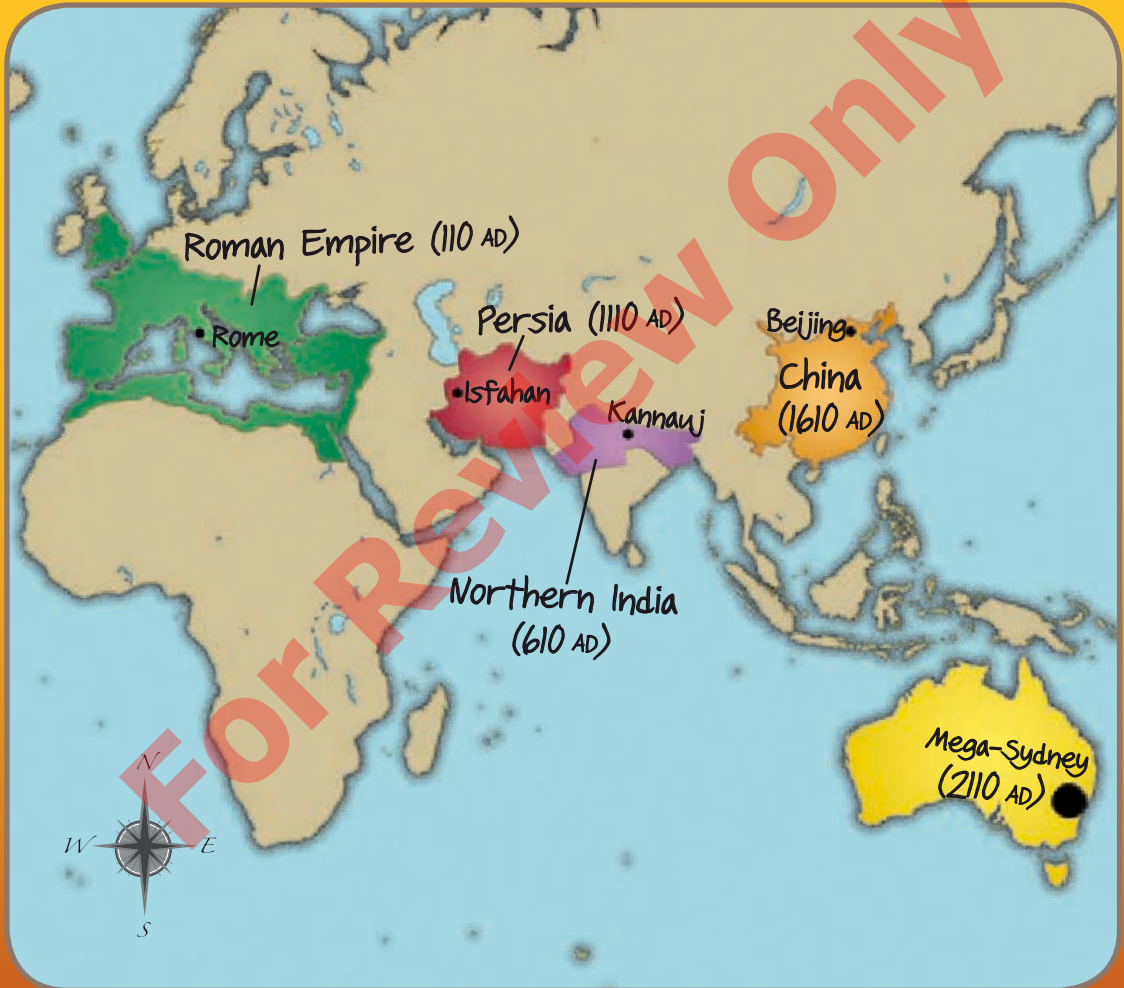


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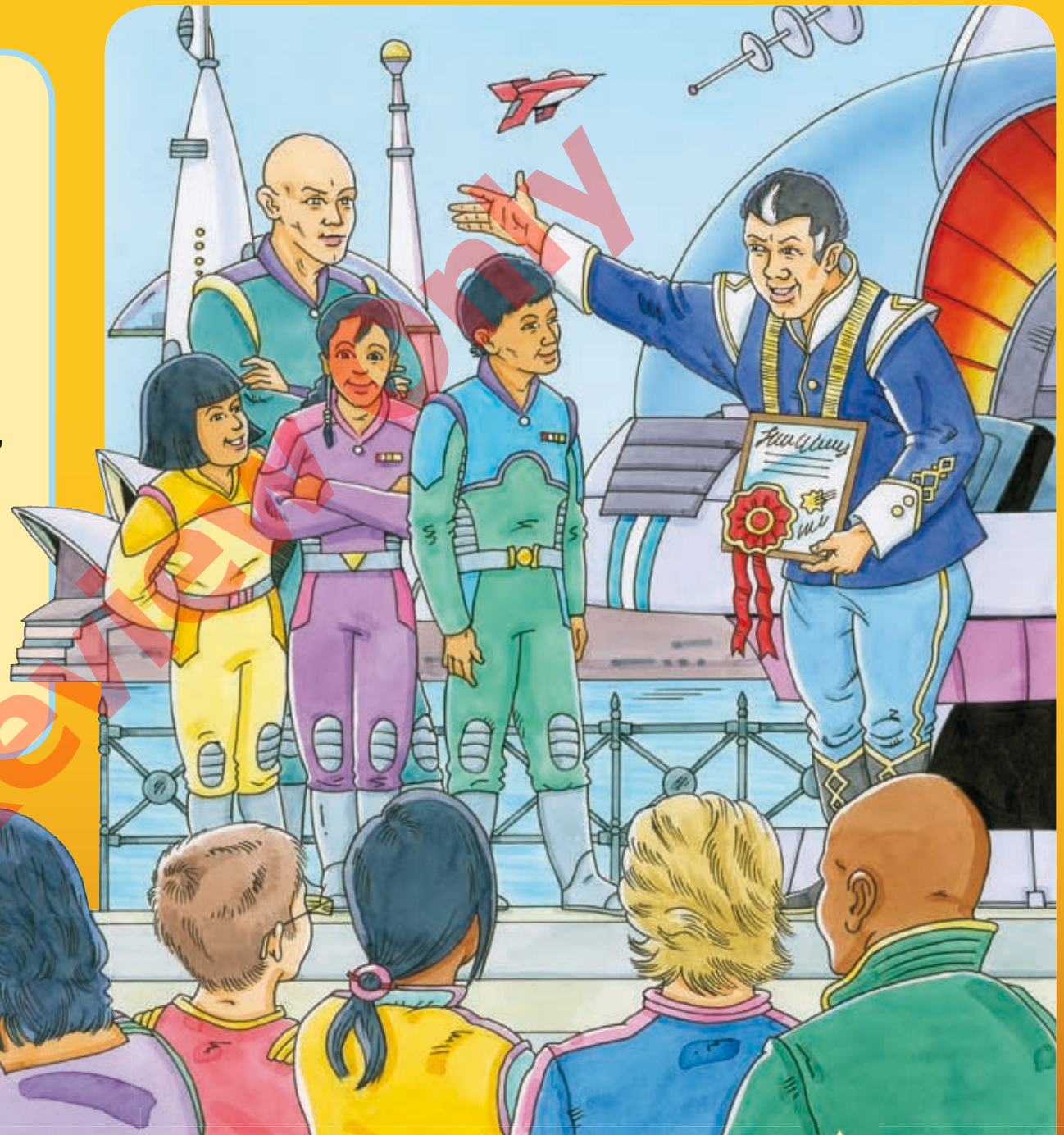
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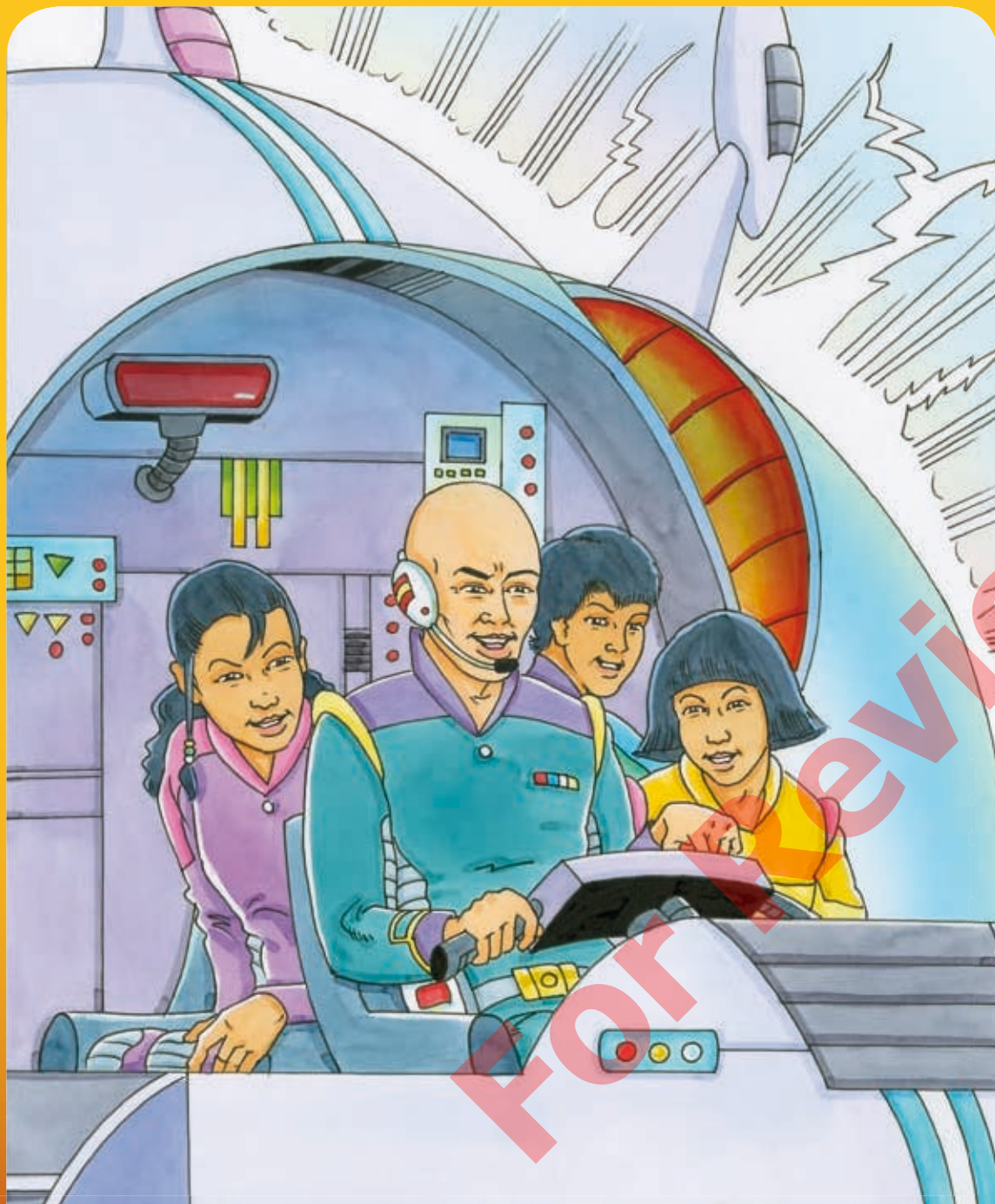
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Huckle's essay won the 2110 Mega-Sydney School History Contest. What a prize! The mayor told Huckle he could use the Mega-Sydney time machine to make five trips into the past!

Doctor Chris Wombat, Australia's top historian, was going with him. "You may take two friends," the doctor told Huckle.

"I'll take my sisters, Berry and Finn!" said Huckle.





“Monday is Grandma’s 100th birthday,” said Huckle. “She helped with my essay, so I’ll use my five trips to buy some nice things for her party.”

“Sounds good!” said Finn.

“First, we’ll go back 2,000 years,” said Huckle.

“Splendid,” said the doctor. “We’ll go to 110 AD. Where shall we visit?”

“Ancient Rome!” said Huckle.



The time machine made a weird buzzing sound...

DING!

"This is Rome," said Huckle. "It's the capital of the Roman Empire."

"We know," said Berry.

"See the clothes?" said Huckle. "The men's clothes are called *togas* and the women's clothes are called *stolas*. They're made of wool."

"The buildings don't have windows," said Finn.

"No. Instead, they have courtyards inside," said Huckle. "And do you know what the buildings are made of? The world's first concrete!"

